

Minutes

Board of Engineers

Planning & Advisory Board

571 Washington St.

Coventry, R.I. 02816

Wednesday Aug. 9th, 2006

6:30 p.m.

Ch. Robert Warren calls meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Present were Ch. R. warren, Dept. Ch. J. Hartman, Officers and members of Planning & Advisory Board. Also present were about 15 visitors and firemen.

Ch. Warren extended a word of sympathy to Mr. Gary Cote on the death of his brother.

Ch. Warren discussed district priorities being apparatus, manpower and equipment. He plans to meet with other chiefs in the town and discuss matters with them.

The sale of three rescue trucks was discussed. There is an offer of \$50,000 for the three. The purchase of a new rescue unit was also discussed, costs estimated at \$118,000. Only 1 rescue unit is needed. Options will be checked. Truck equipment is satisfactory and not bad. Modern laptop units must be purchased as required by State mandate.

Ch Warren plans to meet with Ch. Seltzer on sharing and use of equipment.

Ch. Warren to call a Board of Engineers meeting on the sale of the 3 rescue units for \$50,000.

Mr. G. Cote questioned the sale of other equipment that is not needed and not used.

Ch. Warren reported on the following matters:

The Bronco unit is now on hold for the time being.

Rental of the bucket truck.

Selling of the rental house.

Selling of the unused district land on Hildan St.

Sale of Engine 3

Cleanup of the station storage area.

Mr. D. Terraciano discussed the options on the sale of the district rental property, mainly the house. The sewer assessment was also discussed.

Mr. C. Burns discussed the sale and sewerage issues, also the DEM regulations.

Mr. G. Cote stated that he could provide a sewerage inspection at no cost to the district. He also discussed the sale of the property in respect to the cost of a new rescue unit.

Agenda # 2 District Financial Status

Ch. Warren stated that the district is in a better financial state than it was a month ago. He cut part time employees.

Agenda # 3 Union Contract

Ch Warren reported on being in contact with union president R. Carlow about the union contract. Arbitration was mentioned but that could be too costly. Aug. 21 is the deadline on discussions. Ch. Warren will meet with 1st. Dep. Ch. J. Hartman for further discussion. Mr. D. Terraciano queries any results and how taxpayers with feel after spending was shut off at the annual district meeting.

Mr. G. Cote related on tax increases caused by the new contract. Another taxpayer expressed her feelings on reporting results to the taxpayers.

Mr. K. Sprague spoke of legal bills that might add up as talks continue. Once again Ch. Warren together with Dep. Ch. Hartman and R. Carlow will continue contract talks.

Agenda items # 4 & 5

Ch. Warren reviewed and still continues same, on policies and coverage's. He has discussed billing companies and has future meeting planned.

Mr. D. Terraciano questioned the billing of taxpayers for rescue service.

Ms. J. Leroux informed members that she took care of any problems of such billing.

Agenda item # 7 request for special meeting.

Ch. Warren discussed the request. He pointed out that the petition signatures are photocopies and not original.

Mr. C. Burns discussed the legality of issues. The two-third majority was not taken and only a voice vote was taken. He suggests the

calling of another meeting to correct the errors. He stated photocopies are not acceptable and that makes the petition not acceptable. He also stated the need for a meeting to correct legal procedures. A new petition with new signatures and issues needs to be done.

Mr. G. Cote questions issues in the recall vote issue.

Mr. Gorman addresses the vote at the last district meeting. He questioned why the petitioned special meeting has not been called. He stated his frustration and stated that he has a letter written to the Attorney General if no action is taken soon.

Ch. Warren halted any further discussion on the issue and he explained his patience. He wants to avoid any problems. He requested some time for action until after Labor Day. Ch. Warren does not want to spend any money on legal action. He told Mr. Gorman to call the attorney General if he wants to.

Ch. Warren discussed his work on various distress matters that are being revised and attended too.

Ch. Warren relates on his action to have a district audit. The State Auditor General agreed to conduct the audit by October, at no cost to the district. Ms. Linda Ide was the contact person. Mrs. Leroux also spoke on the audit issue and her work to have it done. Ch. Warren will pursue for the audit.

Mr. Gorman asked if Ch. Mruk is getting his pension pay and if he has a contract for the pension. Ch. Warren stated that the retired Ch. Mruk has yet to be paid and hopefully will be in a month or two.

Another attendee also inquired about Ch. Mruk's retirement payments.

Mr. R. Carlow reported on the nonfunctioning of the air conditioner in the work area. Also reporting on leaks in the bunkroom.

Ch. Warren discussed things that will be done to correct such problems.

Ms. H. Murphy reported on ceiling fans not working properly.

Mr. D. Terraciano discussed corrections that must be made especially in the electric wiring.

Mr. Carlow questioned open meeting at sessions being ok.

Mr. G. Cote thanked the body for the sympathy response on the passing of his brother.

Mr. Cote motions to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Ms. J. Lukowicz and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Golomb, Clerk